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IN RE: U.S.S.N. 09/518,165

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TITLE: METHOD FOR DETECTING  
THE PRESENCE OF TARGET  
BACTERIA OR A TARGET  
COMPONENT  
CARBOHYDRATE ANTIGEN  
THEREOF

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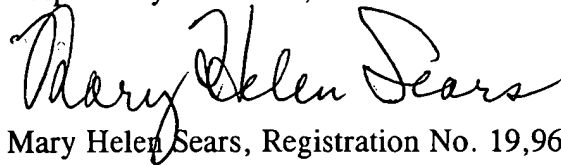
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Respectfully submitted,

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